their own professionalism in and of themselves and reap
the direct benefit from that venture. When you're talking
about a sanitarian,   he's a salaried person and he wouldn't
have that incentive to go out and get continuing education
on his own if we are trying to upgrade that industry. Here,
it's in the best interests of the funeral directors and the
embalmers themselves. They have that possibility; they have
that availability to upgrade themselves right now. They
don't need statute authority to do that. I think it's a
poor piece of legislation and I urge you not to allow it
to advance.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb and then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,
I rise to oppose the bill. I had a call yesterday from
one of the people in this business in my district and he said
he was representing a number of other morticians in other
surrounding towns that just did not believe that this bill
is necessary, that out in the distant places in the sparsely
populated areas when you have continuing education, there's
often a problem in getting to the place where the education
is offered. That, that is an additional cost, an additional
expense that does not seem to be necessary and unlike health
care professionals, they just and many other people do not
think that continuing education is that necessary for death
care professionals.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature,
I won't use this as an opportunity to try to make jokes about
something which is not really a joking matter to a lot of
people but I'm opposed to the bill, too, and Senator Lamb
said it very well. But when, what Senator Newell did...
(laughing)

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is shall the bill advance?
All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Hefner.
Now try it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, how many are excused today?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Nine.

SENATOR HEFNER: Nine?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Nine.

SENATOR HEFNER: I believe I'll ask for a Call of the House.